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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 10, 2009

This reply includes only a section for remarks. No further amendments to the claims are being made.

A petition for an extension of time is not required. The office action set a three month shortened statutory period for reply, which expires on Oct. 13, 2009, since the 10th, 11th and 12th fell on a Saturday, Sunday and Federal holiday (Columbus Day).

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